

What is claimed is:

1 (currently amended). A holding device for a shower hose,
 2 comprising:
 3 a feed-through element,
 4 a shower hose led through the feed-through element,
 5 a retaining mechanism for securing the shower hose against movement
 6 in one direction, ~~and~~ **with** a detachable coupling for coupling and decoupling
 7 the shower hose with the retaining mechanism, wherein the retaining
 8 mechanism ~~is configured to allow~~ **allows** the shower hose to be pulled out, ~~yet~~
 9 **and when coupled** prevents the shower hose from being pulled back, **and**
 10 **when decoupled allows the shower hose to be pulled back**, ~~and~~ wherein
 11 the **detachable coupling is actuated for said** coupling and decoupling, ~~are~~
 12 ~~actuated~~ manually **by manipulation of the shower hose**.

1 2(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the retaining mechanism is disposed on the feed-through element.

1 3(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the coupling can be actuated manually by action upon the feed-
 3 through element.

4(canceled).

1 5(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the coupling can be released by pulling on the shower hose and
 3 engaged by renewed pulling.

1 6(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
 2 wherein the shower hose is secured at least partially by force closure.

1 7(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the shower hose is at least one of ribbed and coiled, and securement
3 is realized at least partially by form closure.

1 8(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the retaining mechanism is configured such that the retaining
3 mechanism secures the shower hose only in a certain rotary position and in
4 another rotary position lets the shower hose through.

1 9(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the retaining mechanism has a sleeve, which, at one position at least,
3 has an inwardly projecting oblique surface.

1 10(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 9,
2 wherein, in the rest of a circumferential region apart from the inwardly
3 projecting oblique surface, the sleeve has a configuration in which the internal
4 diameter is not reduced.

1 11(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 9,
2 wherein the sleeve comprises an outer sleeve and the retaining mechanism
3 has a clamping sleeve, which is guided in the outer sleeve so as to be
4 movable to a limited degree and, at one circumferential position at least, has
5 an outwardly protruding projection.

1 12(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein a circumferential extent of the projection is smaller than a
3 circumferential extent of a portion of the outer sleeve that is free from the
4 oblique surface.

1 13(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the projection is configured so as to be flexible in a radial direction.

1 14(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the projection, upon radial movement inward, enters into at least one
3 of force and form closure with the shower hose (5) led through the clamping
4 sleeve.

1 15(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the projection is configured on a molded-on tongue of the clamping
3 sleeve.

1 16(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the projection is configured on a separate component.

1 17(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein the clamping sleeve is configured such that, when the shower hose is
3 moved, the clamping sleeve is carried along with the shower hose in a
4 longitudinal direction.

1 18(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 11,
2 comprising a connecting link guide between the outer sleeve and the clamping
3 sleeve, which aligns at least one said projection of the clamping sleeve
4 alternately with at least one said oblique surface and an interspace with the at
5 least one said oblique surface.

1 19(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 18,
2 wherein the connecting link guide has a connecting link on the outer sleeve
3 and at least one pin on the clamping sleeve.

1 20(previously presented). The holding device as claimed in claim 18,
2 wherein the connecting link guide allows a full rotation of the clamping sleeve.